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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2004.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

Response to Amendment

This is in response to an amendment file on March 23rd, 2004. In the amendment, claims 1 have been amended, no claim has been canceled, and no claim has been added. Claims 1-15 remain pending in the letter.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Skog et al (U.S. PG Pub 2001/0028636) in view of Borella et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,697,354).

4. As per claims 1, 6 and 11, Skog et al teach a method for assigning unique identifiers for allowing communication between a GPRS (General Packet Radio Service) system (*radio network, 55*) and a RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial In User Service) server (*radius server, 60*), including connecting one or more external networks (*mobile terminal, 45*) to the GPRS

system and identifying the each network with an APN (Access Point Name) (*IP address*), and assigning to an or each APN external network a gateway address (*MSISDN number*) (*see fig 1, 2, paragraph 0006, 0010*), passing (*transmitting*) an APN-external network authentication request (*authentication information*) from a GGSN (Gateway GPRS Support Node) to the RADIUS server (*see paragraphs 0023, 0024*), providing from the RADIUS server to the GGSN upon such request a subscriber IP (Internet Protocol) address to be stored in the GGSN (Gateway GPRS Support Node) (*see paragraphs 0022*),. Skog et al fail to teach an inventive concept of using the GGSN for combining the APN gateway address and the subscriber IP address, to form a unique subscriber identifier. However, Borella et al teach an inventive concept of combining the APN gateway address and the subscriber IP address, to form a unique subscriber identifier and sending from the GGSN the identifier to the RADIUS server for accounting, (*see abstract, column 12 lines 30-67*). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in that art at the invention was made to modify the inventive concept of Skog et al and Borella et al to include an inventive concept of combining the APN gateway address and the subscriber IP address, to form a unique subscriber identifier and sending from the GGSN the identifier to the RADIUS server for accounting because this would have facilitated the establishment of communication in order for the user to interact with the system, thereby provide an improve network address method for network device that use an internet protocol.

5. As per claim 2, 7 and 12, Skog et al teach a method wherein two or more of the APN external networks are provided with same subscriber IP address, but different gateway addresses to yield different unique APN identifiers (*paragraphs 0022, 0024, 0026*).

6. As per claim 3, 8 and 13, Skog et al teach a method wherein two or more subscribers are present in at least one of the networks, each subscriber in a common network being provided with its own subscriber IP address, but same network gateway address (*paragraphs 0022, 0024, 0026*).

7. As per claim 4, 5, 9, 10, 14 and 15, Skog et al teach a method wherein the identifier is a code/ASCII string having as a first element the gateway address of the APN external network in question and as a second element the subscriber IP address appended thereto (*paragraphs 0022, 0024, 0026*).

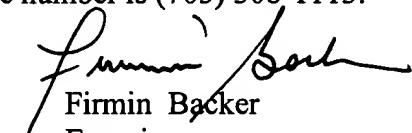
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Firmin Backer whose telephone number is (703) 305-0624. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9768. The fax phone numbers for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7687 for regular communications and (703) 305-7687 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.



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